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Subject: RE: ASSOCIATED PRESS INQUIRY - FW: Benton Harbor, Mich., water

Looping in the rest of the group. Please share as needed.
This is a priority.

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Please see the inquiry below from the AP and advise on the response. (I sent AP reporter John Flesher the desk statement yesterday but I think reporter ED White is covering for him while he is out of the office.)
Thank you.

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From: White, Ed <EJWhite@ap.org>
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Subject: Benton Harbor, Mich., water

Joshua,

Michigan today urged residents of Benton Harbor to use bottled water. The city has a lead problem.

The state has been distributing filters for a few weeks. But the state's statement today says the "EPA is conducting a filter effectiveness study to gather data and

provide confidence in the effectiveness of water filters to reduce lead in drinking water.”

I’m trying to understand a few things:

- ___ Does EPA have concerns about the Benton Harbor filters?
- ___ Did EPA encourage the state to put out the bottled water recommendation?
- ___ What is this study?

Thanks.

Ed White
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